

RESOLUTION NO. 12-569

WHEREAS, John M. Glenn, a native of Mississippi, was born in 1933 and raised in the rural countryside of Mississippi. Never a stranger to hard work, John helped to provide for his family after the death of his father and the remarriage of his mother; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, John enlisted in the United States Air Force and received electronic training. He served the U.S. Air Force honorably for four years; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, he married his lovely wife, Barbara, and to this union, two sons were born, Michael and Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, John moved his family to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1962, and obtained a job on Redstone Arsenal utilizing his electronics training. He later served as an Instructor with the USMMC at Redstone Arsenal; and

WHEREAS, John's penchant for hard work was a driving force in the establishment of a business he began in his garage as a television repairman. That business would become Ray-Mar TV and Appliance Sales and Service; and

WHEREAS, he took a vested interest in community concerns throughout the city and in 1976, he was successfully elected to the Huntsville City Council; and

WHEREAS, John served as City Council President, President Pro-Tem, and Chairman of the Finance Committee and helped establish Huntsville, Alabama, as a progressive force in North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, also while serving as a Council Member, John served on the Research Park Board, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the City Council, he continued his public service as the Highway Safety Coordinator of North Alabama at Safety City. He was an active member of the Huntsville Rotary Club and a member of University Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, John was truly one of a kind. He was a great storyteller and was eager to help and encourage others.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby commend the extraordinary life and service of John M. Glenn and offer condolences on behalf of the City of Huntsville to his family.

ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2012.

President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama